

# FIFTY FLEE CELLAR FIRE IN APARTMENT; INQUIRY IS STARTED

Fire Marshal Investigates Origin of Blaze in West 51st Street Building.

A cellar fire believed to have been of incendiary origin aroused the fifty tenants in the five-story building at No. 465 West 51st Street, corner of 10th Avenue, at 2 A. M. to-day.

John and Daniel Sweeney, eleven and two years old, could not stand the smoke and were carried down a ladder by Fireman John White of Hook and Ladder No. 4. Their parents and little sisters remained in the apartment on the third floor.

Mrs. Catherine Green, sixty-five, who lives on the fourth floor, also suffered so from the smoke her son, John, thirty, carried her up to the roof and into an adjoining building.

Detective Al Cronin and Policeman Richard McCarthy of the West 47th Street Station were talking on the corner when they saw smoke coming from the cellar of the building. Seeing a civilian to turn in an alarm they ran through the house and awakened the eight families by rapping on their doors.

Because the building is of an old type, and the fire was likely to spread rapidly up the stairs, Acting Battalion Chief Humphrey sent a second alarm, which brought "Smoky Joe" Martin and Honorary Deputy Chief Kenny with his searchlights. The blaze was confined to the cellar, doing about \$1,500 damage.

Miss Vera Purdy, eighteen, who lives on the third floor, told the police that she came home from a party at 1:30, and that while she and her escort were chatting in the lower hallway, they heard footsteps in the cellar. Knowing that no one had any business there she hurried up to her apartment, after warning her companion to be careful, as it might be a burglar who would hold him up as he went out. As the blaze was discovered only a short time later, the Fire Marshal is investigating on the theory it was the work of a firebug.

FIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS WILL TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Formal acceptances from all of the five Central American republics invited by Secretary Hughes to participate in a conference here beginning Dec. 4 on land disarmament and better American relations have been received at the State Department.

## THROAT SLASHED, N. J. MAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN COAL BIN

\$1,200 in Liberty Bonds in Pockets—Out of Work, Mind Unbalanced, Police Think.

With a handkerchief stuffed in his mouth, a razor in his hand and his throat slashed, the body of Louis

Leidovitch, forty-eight, was found to-day in a coalbin in the cellar of his home at No. 305 Pine Street, Elizabeth, N. J., in the man's pocket was \$1,200 worth of Liberty bonds and wrapped about the handle of the razor was \$5 in bills.

Last July, Leidovitch, who was a machinist, went on strike with 2,000 other employees in the repair shops of the New Jersey Central Railroad

at Elizabeth. Since that time he has had no work. Yesterday, his wife Dora said, he gave \$2,000 in Liberty bonds to his brother-in-law, Alex Kalmanson of No. 145 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, for safe keeping. Efforts to locate Kalmanson have failed.

This morning when Mrs. Leidovitch went to the cellar for coal she found her husband's body there. It is thought by the police that adversity

might have temporarily unbalanced his mind. Leidovitch was formerly a real estate man in New York City. He also taught Russian. His widow is his sole survivor in this country.

### DISAPPOINTING FATHER.

(From the New Haven Register.)  
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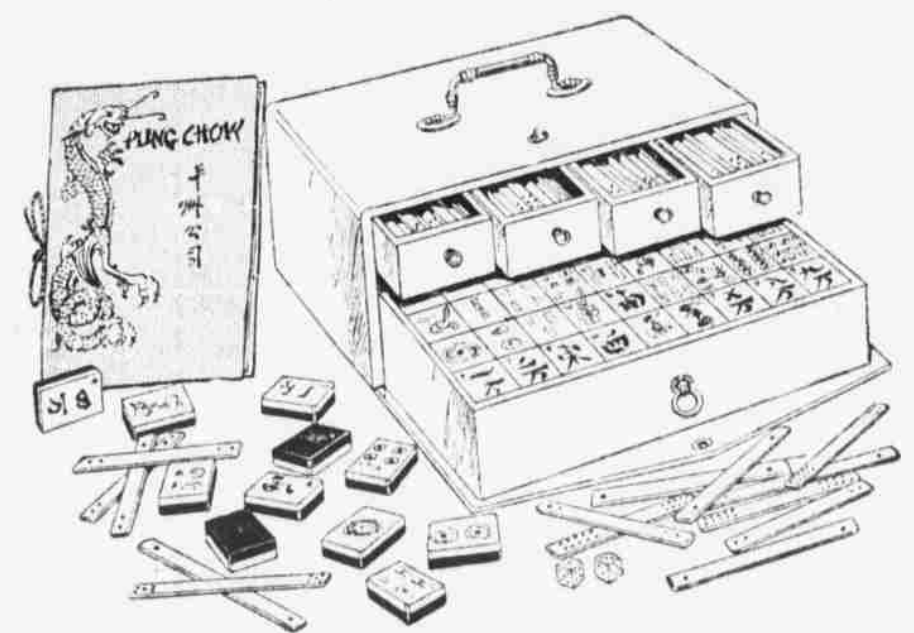
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